

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

GREGORY L. WEST,

Plaintiff,

v.

FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY  
LLC and TRANS UNION LLC,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:18-cv-07166

Honorable Ruben Castillo

Honorable M. David Weisman  
Magistrate Judge

**INITIAL STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) and this Court's Case Procedures, the parties submit the following Initial Status Report.

**A. Nature of the Case**

**1. Basis for jurisdiction, nature of the claims and counterclaims.**

This action seeks damages for Ford Motor Credit Company LLC's alleged willful and/or negligent violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"); 15 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1337(a) under 15 U.S.C. § 1681p with respect to Plaintiff's FCRA claims.

**2. Relief sought by plaintiff, including computation of claimed damages, if available.**

Actual damages – Decreased credit opportunities; decreased credit standing/worthiness; denial(s) of credit, emotional distress. Subject to expert testimony.

Statutory Damages – Seeking statutory damages in amount of \$1,000.00 from Ford Motor Credit Company LLC for each separate FCRA violation, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.

Punitive Damages – Seeking punitive damages in excess of \$10,000.00 from Ford Motor Credit Company LLC for willful violation of FCRA, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.

**3. Names of any parties that have not been served.**

None.

**4. Major factual and legal issues.**

(1) Whether Ford Motor Credit Company LLC accurately furnished account information to TransUnion LLC? (2) Whether Ford Motor Credit Company LLC conducted a reasonable investigation in response to Plaintiff's dispute pertaining to inaccurate credit reporting?

**5. Citations to key authorities which will assist the Court in understanding and ruling on the issues.**

None.

**B. Preparation of Draft Scheduling Order**

**1. The general type of discovery needed;**

Oral; written.

**2. A date to issue written discovery;**

February 15, 2019.

**3. A date for the deadline for the amendment of pleadings;**

March 18, 2019.

**4. A fact discovery completion date;**

May 16, 2019.

**5. An expert discovery completion date, including dates for the delivery of expert reports; and**

August 8, 2019

Delivery of Plaintiff's expert report on or before June 13, 2019

Delivery of Defendant's expert report on or before July 11, 2019

**6. A date for the filing of dispositive motions.**

September 19, 2019.

**C. Trial Status**

**1. Whether or not a jury has been requested.**

A jury has been requested by Plaintiff.

**2. Probable length of the trial.**

The probable length of the trial is no more than four (4) days.

**D. Consent to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge**

**1. Whether or not the parties will consent to proceed before a Magistrate Judge for all proceedings including trial.**

The parties will not consent to proceed before a Magistrate Judge for all proceedings including trial.

**E. Settlement Status**

**1. Whether or not settlement discussions have been held and the status of those discussions, if any.**

Settlement discussions have been held; however, have been unsuccessful to date.

January 10, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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